

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-3-3**

Date Prepared: February 27, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: March 3, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: March 3, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. AT&T/USWC Docket D96.11.200 - To continue post-hearing discussions (3/3/97)
2. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss list submitted by US West and comments, if any, from intervenors on extent of list of services to be included for cost studies (3/3/97)
3. Max-Tel/AMCOM, LLP Dockets D97.2.31 & D97.2.32 - Discuss consolidating these dockets (3/3/97)
4. Northwest Payphone Docket D97.2.33 - Discuss and act NWPAs Motion to Suspend Approval of PAL/coinline filings, establish docket and accept comments on filings (3/3/97)
5. MPC Docket N97.2.25 - Discuss and act on MPC's request for a waiver of the administrative rule that requires utilities to provide written notice 5 days prior to termination in situations where the customer has paid by NSF check or has broken a payment arrangement (3/3/97)

6. Coalition letter on Unfair Utility Competition - Discuss Coalition letter and determine response or procedure (3/3/97)
7. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (3/3/97)
8. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - To address and discuss developments with legislation as necessary (3/6/97)
9. Weekly **AND** Monthly Scheduling Meetings - Will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Legislative work session on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. SPRINT - Docket N97.2.22 (Vicki)

On February 12, 1997, Sprint proposed text changes to its tariff to rename the Option A Calling Plan to The Most. Included in the same filing, but not requiring Commission action, were: a change in The Most's discount; introduction of VisaPhone Calling Card Services and Optional Calling Plan; price changes for Sprint/Sam's Club prepaid calling cards; introduction of the \$100 Spree Instant FONCARD; and introduction of a \$4000 commitment level for the Business Sense product.

2. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.2.24 (Eric)

On February 18, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$100,000,000 of its subordinated debt. The proceeds will be used for the acquisition of property, improvement of facilities, improvement of service, the discharge or refunding of obligations, or to reimburse the Company for funds expended from income or from other treasury funds that were not derived from the issuance of securities. A default order has been drafted.

3. MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket N97.2.20 (Will)

On February 7, 1997, Montana Power Company filed a Motion to Waive the Requirement to File a Least Cost Plan in 1997 pursuant to ARM 38.5.2012. On February 11, 1997 the PSC granted interested persons an opportunity to submit written comments on MPC's Motion by February 21, 1997. No comments were received. If MPC's Motion is granted the Company will file, by March 15, 1997, a status report describing implementation activities associated with its 1995 Least Cost Plan.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-3-10**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.2.28	USWC Intro "Call Manager Connection" Custom Calling Package
D97.2.29	MPC Market Based Rate Filing
N97.2.30	Citizens Telecommunications Revise Custom Calling Services
D97.2.31	AMCOM, LLP/USWC Agreement to Resell Local Exchange Service between AMCOM and USWC
D97.2.32	Max-Tel/USWC Agreement to Resell Local Exchange Service between Max-Tel and USWC
D97.2.33	NWPA Motion to Suspend Approval of PAL/Coinline filings, establish docket and accept comments on filings